READING NOTES. Religious.

1. The Education of Religious Personality. Samuel A. Elliot, D.D.
2. What is a Xn Nation? Walter Rauschenbusch, D.D.

The Education of Religious Personality.

Samuel A. Elliot Jr. D.D.

Intro. 1. Rel. truth requires the medium of personality

2. Not principles, but men who are living examples.
   Xty, not a system of doctrines, but a testimony of a life.
   Influence of heart upon heart, feeling upon feeling, mind upon mind.

3. Religious machinery is not religious power. It is the power within the machine that does the work. Inspiration, not organization.

4. The efficiency of a rel. teacher lies in his power to stand between truth & the needs of men and transmit that truth to the men. Not done by scholarship, but by personal charm & influence back of all wisdom & learning.

5. The education of this quality of personality is subtle & can only be hinted at.
   Sense of Reality

6. Rel Personality demands Correction of Reality.
   Must himself have personal experience with religious powers. He must know and exemplify where of he speaks.

7. The danger of getting lost in the maze of controversy, forms, & observances.

An awakened vision of the truth made
A virile leadership in the ways of duty
and public serviceableness.

8. Unity + Continuity
second
The Rel. Personality requires the historic sense.
The past + present + future must be
kept properly related. The One
Spirit must be discerned thro all.
Theodore Parker's motto "Live upon
the Past, in the Present, for
the Future."

Liberty
9. This Rel. Personality can be educated only
in + thru liberty.
Imitation is but limitation.
Coercion but meekness.
Dictation but quotation.
This liberty is his birthright as a son of
God.

10. These three are the general principles;
the sight + knowledge of a human
life manifestly sustained of God
makes men believe in religion.

11. Some specific ways. Action.
Rel. Per. developed by spiritual exercise.
Spiritual gifts increased by use.
Not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work.
Love grows only in one way - by loving.
Material given away is gone from you,
but an idea or light given away is
increased + intensified.

12. Moderation
It is suppressed steam that does the work

13. Proportion. Example of a minister who can do 2 things as minimum can do well. Choose the right 1/20 and works that well.

14. Convictions. — Must be an expert and a specialist.
The great preachers have been the makers of great theologies.
A background of solid knowledge needed

15. Consecration to the highest conceivable endowment of character.
The power of Ideal example.
"Come" stronger than "go".
"From one man," thru many men, to all men" is the natural apostolic succession."

16. The highest development resulted in loyalty to the Spirit of Jesus Christ.
"I know that scholars of equal learning and reverence are not agreed concerning the nature + work of Jesus. But no intelligent man can help observing that the love of X is still the most compelling dynamic of the religious life of multitudes of people."

17. The "sword of the Spirit" shaped by three.
The faith that "combines a truth with an affection" has immortal power.
To bring truth + emotion.